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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 2879

RAULT ET AL.

Examiner: James Henry Alstrum Acevedo

APPLICATION NO: 10/518,862 FILED: DECEMBER 17, 2004

FOR: NASAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING A MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDE

AND PROPYLENE GLYCOL

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of October 6, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on January 6, 2007. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: April 6, 2007

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